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1. Although all China Democratic League (CDL) controlled or affiliated organizations in Rangoon proudly displayed the new national (Communist) flag on 10 October, the police comment that the majority of the Chinese in that city, acting on the advice of their elders, continued to fly the Nationalist flag of CHIANG Kai-shek's government. In Bassein the Chinese community was divided over the issue and trouble was feared. At Lashio, at a meeting on 8 October, the majority of the Chinese residents decided to display the old Nationalist flag.
2. In spite of the display by Chinese residents of Rangoon, Kuomintang circles there are reported to fear that as soon as the Chinese Communist Government is recognized by nations other than the USSR and her satellites, a large majority of the Chinese community in Burma will transfer allegiance to the CDL.
3. The CDL had planned to hold a mass demonstration in Rangoon on 10 October to celebrate the victory of the Chinese Communists. Delegates from the Trades Union Congress (Burma), among others, were expected to attend. The meeting was cancelled as the result of intervention by the police.

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